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12 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

14 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CASE NO. 1:22-cr-00207 JLT-SKO  
15 Plaintiff,  
16 v.  
17 J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,  
18 Defendant.

VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of  
Rights Under Color of Law (10 Counts)

20 INDICTMENT

21 INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATIONS

22 At all times material to this Indictment:

23 1. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE was employed as a police officer by the Sanger  
Police Department.

25 2. By virtue of being employed as a police officer, Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE  
26 was required to act in compliance with the United States Constitution.

27 3. M.C.G., L.S., S.L., and B.H. were females with whom Defendant J. DESHAWN  
28 TORRENCE interacted in the course of his duties as a police officer with the Sanger Police Department.

1 COUNT ONE: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law Resulting in Bodily Injury  
2 and including Aggravated Sexual Abuse]

3 The Grand Jury charges: T H A T

5 J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

6 defendant herein, as follows:

7 4. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

8 5. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, between on or about August 1 and October 18, 2017,  
9 in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of California, did, while acting under the color of  
10 law, willfully deprive M.C.G. of her fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and protected  
11 by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when he penetrated M.C.G.’s vulva with his penis  
12 without M.C.G.’s consent and without a legitimate law enforcement purpose. The defendant’s conduct  
13 resulted in bodily injury and included aggravated sexual abuse.

14 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

15 COUNT TWO: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law including Aggravated  
16 Sexual Abuse]

17 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

18 J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

19 defendant herein, as follows:

20 6. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

21 7. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, between on or about August 1 and October 18, 2017,  
22 in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of California, did, while acting under the color of  
23 law, willfully deprive M.C.G. of her fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and protected  
24 by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when he caused his penis to have contact with  
M.C.G.’s mouth without M.C.G.’s consent and without a legitimate law enforcement purpose. The  
defendant’s conduct included aggravated sexual abuse.

25 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

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COUNT THREE: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law]

The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

defendant herein, as follows:

8. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

9. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, on one and more occasions, between on or about

October 19, 2017, and January 31, 2020, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of

California, did, while acting under the color of law, willfully deprive M.C.G. of her fundamental right to

bodily integrity, a right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when he

caused his penis to have contact with M.C.G.'s mouth without M.C.G.'s consent and without a

legitimate law enforcement purpose.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

COUNT FOUR: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law]

The Grand Jury also charges: T H A T

J. DESHAWN TORRENCE.

defendant herein, as follows:

10. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

11. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, between on or about January 11 and January 31, 2021, within the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of California, did, while acting under color of law, willfully deprive M.C.G. of her fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when he touched M.C.G.'s breast without M.C.G.'s consent and without a legitimate law enforcement purpose. The defendant's conduct resulted in bodily injury.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

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1 COUNT FIVE: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law including Attempted  
2 Aggravated Sexual Abuse]

3 The Grand Jury also charges: T H A T

4 J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

5 defendant herein, as follows:

6 12. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by  
reference.

7 13. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, between on or about October 15 and November 22,  
8 2017, in the County of Fresno in the State Eastern District of California, did, while acting under the  
9 color of law, willfully deprive L.S. of her fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and  
10 protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when he touched L.S.’s breast and touched  
11 L.S.’s buttocks without L.S.’s consent and without a legitimate law enforcement purpose. The  
12 defendant’s conduct included attempted aggravated sexual abuse.

13 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

14 COUNT SIX: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law]

15 The Grand Jury also charges: T H A T

16 J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

17 defendant herein, as follows:

18 14. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by  
reference.

19 15. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, on or about March 5, 2018, in the County of Fresno,  
20 State and Eastern District of California, while acting under the color of law, willfully deprived S.L. of  
21 her fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of  
22 the United States, when he directed S.L. to remove her shirt without a legitimate law enforcement  
23 purpose under the pretext of photographing S.L.’s injuries.

24 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

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COUNT SEVEN: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law]

The Grand Jury also charges: T H A T

J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

defendant herein, as follows:

16. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

17. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, on or about March 7, 2018, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of California, did, while acting under the color of law, willfully deprive S.L. of the fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when he directed S.L. to remove her shirt without a legitimate law enforcement purpose under the pretext of photographing S.L.'s injuries.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

COUNT EIGHT: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law including Attempted Aggravated Sexual Abuse]

The Grand Jury also charges: T H A T

J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

defendant herein, as follows:

18. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

19. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, on or about March 8, 2018, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of California, did, while acting under the color of law, willfully deprive S.L. of her fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when he touched S.L.'s genitalia, touched S.L.'s breast, and touched S.L.'s buttocks without her consent and without a legitimate law enforcement purpose. The defendant's conduct included attempted aggravated sexual abuse.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

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COUNT NINE: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law]

The Grand Jury also charges: T H A T

J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

defendant herein, as follows:

20. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

7       21. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, on or about June 23, 2021, in the Eastern District of  
8 California, did, while acting under the color of law, willfully deprive B.H. of her fundamental right to  
9 bodily integrity, a right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when  
10 the defendant caused B.H. to touch his penis without her consent and without a legitimate law  
11 enforcement purpose.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

COUNT TEN: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law]

The Grand Jury also charges: T H A T

J. DESHAWN TORRENCE.

defendant herein, as follows:

20. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

21. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, on or about June 23, 2021, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of California, did, while acting under the color of law, willfully deprive B.H. of her fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when put his mouth on B.H.'s breast without her consent and without a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

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1 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.  
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5 **/s/ Signature on file w/AUSA**  
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